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Dear Client,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in this matter. We are sending you this letter to confirm that you (the “Client”) have retained Monteverde & Associates PC to file a class action case and represent you as a named plaintiff in litigation against Hecla Mining Company on a fully contingent basis with respect to its fees. Further, you purchased the shares during the relevant class period in the complaint and you did not purchase said shares for the purpose of commencing any legal action.

This firm has thoroughly and extensively investigated this case, and believes that there is a valid legal and factual basis to prosecute this action against Hecla Mining Company. We agree to advance all expenses in the litigation, which means that you are not liable or responsible to pay any of the expenses of the class action, whether attorneys’ fees or costs. Regardless of the result, we will never ask you to directly pay for any attorneys’ fees or costs. Should we obtain a favorable result, we may ask the court to award us compensation to be paid by the defendants or as a portion of any monetary class benefit, but, again, we will never ask you to directly pay any of the costs of this litigation.

You may have discussed with other attorneys or law firms a case against Hecla Mining Company but you have not retained any other attorneys or law firm to represent you in connection with the same case and this letter supersedes other agreements, if any. During the course of this litigation, we may employ and/or work with other attorneys or law firms to prosecute the action. Further, the file compiled constitutes the work product and property of this firm over which the firm has complete control with respect to its use and/or disclosure.

We look forward to representing you in this action.

Sincerely,

Juan E. Monteverde, Esq.